

Lincoln Parish



“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Lincoln	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	26.5%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	30.3%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	13.3%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$6,592	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	94.8%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	5.5%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	1.8	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	86.1%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	69.0%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	9.9%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	16.0%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	18.8	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	571.6	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	369.3	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	13.9*	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	128.8	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	142.9	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	65.6	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	13.7	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	2.6	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 8	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	25.7%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI >30 (adults 20+)	28.7%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	72.5%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	80.4%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	61.5%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EM S/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

Lincoln Parish was organized in 1872 and named after Abraham Lincoln. Parts of Jackson, Claiborne, Bienville, and Union parishes were combined to make the new parish. The Louisiana Passion Play, based on the life of Jesus Christ, operates weekends from June to September. The Dixie Jamboree operates each Saturday night, in Ruston, in the tradition of the Louisiana Hayride. Lincoln Parish is the home of the Louisiana Peach Festival, the second weekend in June in Ruston, and the Louisiana Chicken Festival, the last weekend in September in Dubach. Three state parks, with record bass fishing, are within a 21-mile radius of Ruston.



Parish Seat³ Ruston

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

- Ruston

Parish Population⁴

2000.....	42,509
2003 (estimate)	42,413
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	57.4%
African-American	39.8%
Some other race.....	2.7%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race)	1.2%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years	6.0%
5-14	12.0%
15-17	4.1%
18-19	9.0%
20-24	16.7%
25-64	40.8%
65 & over	11.3%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation	319ft.
Land area in square miles	471
Water area in square miles	0.9

Climate

Average temperatures	
Annual	64°
January	55°
July.....	93°
Annual average rainfall.....	59 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

Lincoln Parish

Civilian.....	18,878
Employed	18,036
Unemployed.....	842
Unemployment.....	4.5%

Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- Grambling State University
- Louisiana Tech University
- University of Louisiana at Monroe

1. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002.
2. Louisiana Office of Culture Recreation and Tourism, 1998. keywords: regional information, <<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>.
3. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002.
4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>.
5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary <http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>.